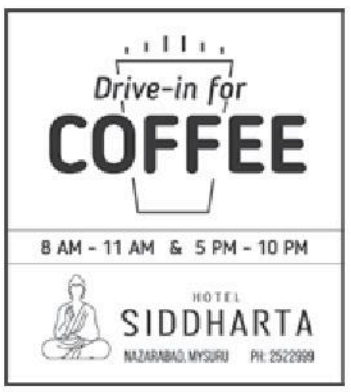

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City Courts completely opened

Rapid Antigen Test mandatory for advocates, litigants

Police on duty at the entrance of District Court Complex on K.R. Boulevard this morning.

Mysuru, Oct.12 (RK&SSV)- After a hiatus, the two Law Court Complexes in city became fully functional from today but with strict implementation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribed by the Government of India in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that all safety measures have been taken in both Court Complexes located on Krishnaraja Boulevard and in Malalawadi, which houses 43 Court Halls. Earlier, only two to three cases were taken up in the Court due to pandemic but now each Court will hear 15 cases in the morning and 15 in the afternoon daily.

Details of cases that would come up were put up on the notice board so that only the advocates and litigants concerned could be present in the designated Court Halls after undergoing Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) which is done at two places in each building free of cost.

They were allowed inside the Court Halls only after showing 'negative' report to the cops deployed outside the Court Halls. It is mandatory for all to wear face masks and use hand sanitiser kept at the entrance.

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To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	541
Total positive cases	:	42,064
Discharges yesterday	:	331
Total discharges	:	33,629
Deaths yesterday	:	11
Total deaths	:	886
Total active cases	:	7,549

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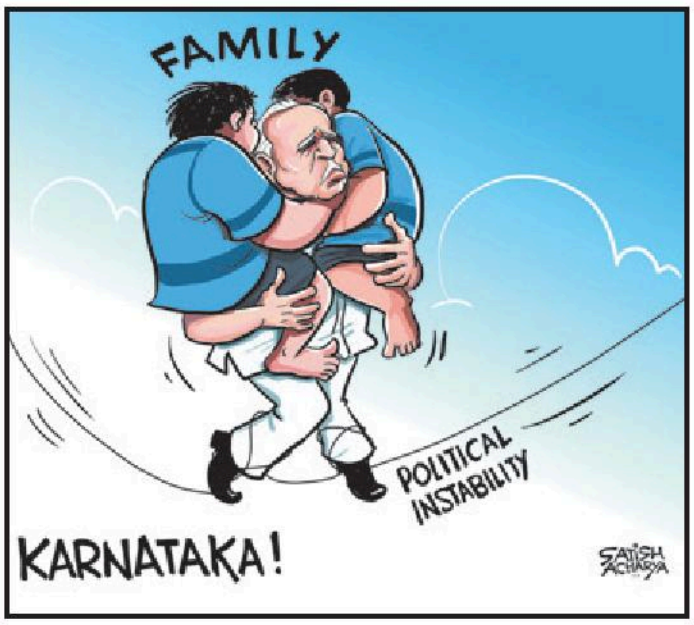


STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 12th October 2020

MDJA elections on Nov. 7

Mysuru, Oct. 12- The election of new office-bearers and Executive Body of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) for the period 2020-23 will take place in MDJA premises near Akkana Balaga School on Thyagaraja Road on Nov. 7.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Saturday, senior Journalist and Electoral Officer M.S. Kashinath said that the list of eligible voters will be published on Oct. 18 and the electoral process will be set in motion with the filing of nomination papers from Oct. 22.

The eligible members can file nominations from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm on all days till Oct. 26.

The scrutiny of nomination papers will take plac e on Oct. 27 at 11 am, following which the list of eligible candidates will be displayed. The deadline for withdrawal of nomination papers is 12 noon on Oct. 29 and subsequently the list of candidates remaining in the fray will be published after 2 pm the same day (Oct. 29).

The polling will take place on Nov. 7 between 8 am and 2 pm, following which the counting of votes will be taken up at 4 pm and the results announced the same evening, Kashinath said.

Writer Bannur K. Raju, who is the Joint Electoral Officer, was present at the press meet.

Scholarship: Entries invited

Mysuru, Oct. 12- Hebbar Sreevaishnava Upasabha, having office at Sri Vaishnava Sabha building opposite Saraswathi Talkies in Saraswathipuram, has invited applications from Hebbar Vaishnava community students from Mysuru and Mandya districts for availing scholarship based on Need-cum-Merit basis.

PUC passed candidates (2020-21), who want to pursue technical education, may apply. Students with higher basic qualification can also apply. Interested community students should submit typed applications with complete details of educational qualification, residential address etc., to the Upasabha office before Oct. 20 (4.30 pm to 6.30 pm).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DO YOUR HOMEWORK: ***The sink in my bathroom has developed a leak. I called in the plumber who said that there was a problem with the faucet assembly. So I shelled out Rs. 3,500 for a new faucet, plus Rs. 500 by way of a service fee to the plumber. But the leak is still there, leaving a puddle on the floor. Now the plumber says there could be a crack in one of the water pipes feeding the bathroom, and he'll have to break open a section of wall and try to locate it. Which will cost more money. A lot more money. When I was a kid at school, I couldn't wait to grow up so I wouldn't be saddled with doing homework. Little did I realise that homework, of another kind, is something that many, if not most, people have to put up with for all their lives.***

The grown-up homework we are subject to consists of doing endless house repairs and renovations. If we are lucky enough to have a roof which we can call our own – which only too many of our fellow citizens lack – we soon discover that this blessing comes with a hefty price tag by way of keeping things shipshape. According to Murphy's Law, if anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. According to the Law of Homework, if nothing can go wrong, something will go wrong. It can be a leak in the bathroom, a fault in the electric wiring which causes a short circuit whenever you try to turn on the TV, the fridge which for no discernable reason suddenly packs up. Having to put up with this endless homework, I sympathise with those folks in Delhi who are having to fork out a whopping amount of money to completely remodel the place they occupy, and of which they're not even the owners, but only tenants. The House in question is called Parliament which is the home of our democracy and which is being redesigned at a cost of Rs. 992 crore. I just hope the bathroom sink doesn't spring a leak.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hundreds of strays sheltered in house from hurricane

Mexico: An animal rights activist in Mexico is lauded as a hero by animal lovers around the world after he sheltered around 300 stray dogs and other stray animals in his home to protect them from a hurricane.

On October 7, at around 5.30 am, Hurricane Delta made landfall in the Mexican State of Quintana Roo. Hours before, Ricardo Pimentel, an animal rights activist from the town of Leona Vicario, was busy making sure that the facilities at the Tierra de Animales animal shelter he founded were prepared for the strong winds and heavy rains that were about to hit the region.

The most radical thing Pedro did was fill his own house with over 300 hundred dogs, as well as some cats, chickens, rabbits and even a hedgehog, to make sure they were safe from the hurricane.

Rare half-male, half-female bird found by researchers

Pennsylvania: Researchers at the Powdermill Nature Reserve in Pennsylvania have come across a "once in a lifetime discovery" – a half-male, half-female rose-breasted grosbeak bird.

Researcher Annie Lindsay and her colleagues were catching and banding birds with identification tags on Sept. 24, when a fellow researcher called her to see something extraordinary. The moment she saw, Annie knew she was looking at, an extremely rare half-male, half-female creature known as a gynandromorph.

Unlike hermaphrodites, which have both male and female reproductive organs, gynandromorphs are male on one side of the body, and female on the other. Scientists don't know if they are able to reproduce.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What foods are highest in Vitamin C?

Amla berries from India also known as Indian Gooseberries, contain 20-30 times more Vitamin C per pound than oranges. Camu Camu berries from the Amazon have 60 times more Vitamin C th an Oranges. Acerola cherries from South America contain 13 times more Vitamin C than oranges.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	267
Total positive cases	:	13,609
Total discharges	:	11,690
Total deaths	:	120
Total active cases	:	1,799

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	65
Total positive cases	:	5,055
Total discharges	:	4,103
Total deaths	:	87
Total active cases	:	854

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	40
Total positive cases	:	3,632
Total discharges	:	3,000
Total deaths	:	49
Total active cases	:	583

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	463
Total positive cases	:	21,421
Total discharges	:	16,768
Total deaths	:	334
Total active cases	:	4,319

Really...?

- *Earth's atmosphere extends to a distance of 10,000 km:* ***Earth's atmosphere is thickest within the first 50 km from the surface or so, but it actually reaches out to about 10,000 km into space. It is made up of five main layers – the Troposphere, the Stratosphere, the Mesosphere, the Thermosphere, and the Exosphere. As a rule, air pressure and density decrease the higher one goes into the atmosphere and the farther one is from the surface.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Why are green beans the most Zen of all vegetables?

Because they've found their inner peas.

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.11
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.36

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop this irresponsible littering around garbage bins

Sir,

Recently, two garbage collection bins — one for wet and the other for dry waste — were erected and we were happy that citizens will be more responsible and use the bin for the purpose for which it is put up.

But unfortunately some irresponsible citizens keep throwing plastic packets containing mixed waste from a distance, around the bins even if the bin is empty.

These packets contain some food stuff and are picked up by the street dogs, taken to the middle of the road, opened, eaten what they can and the rest becomes an ugly looking litter on the street.

Even if some citizens put the waste into the bin, the dogs climb, pick packets and scatter them on the streets. This problem has surfaced despite Pourakarmikas' regular collection of waste from citizens' doorsteps.

In these days of COVID-19 pandemic, such acts of irresponsible littering will not be conducive to maintaining clean atmosphere in the city. This bad habit mars the beauty of our heritage (clean) city environment and has to be dealt with severely. Health Inspectors and Supervisors may be authorised to take photos of erring people, confront them and collect hefty fines so that a sense of fear may be created.

Citizens must be responsible and educate their housemaids, who come at odd hours for their chores, and while going, take the waste packets and throw them casually around such secondary bins.

—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath,
Ex-Member, MCC-JnNURM Vision Committee on Solid Waste Management
Tilak Nagar 10.10.2020

No religion, God says put lives at risk for festivals: Union Health Minister

Dr. Harsh Vardhan

New Delhi, Oct. 12- Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Sunday said "there is no need to congregate in large numbers to prove your faith or your religion. You can pray to your Gods at your homes. I will suggest that all of you celebrate festivals with your families."

Participating in an interactive session in social media, he pointed out to Coronavirus which is still in rampage and said the country on Sunday crossed the 70-lakh mark in the overall number of COVID-19 cases, and stands slightly behind the United States of America, which is the worst sufferer, logging more than 76 lakh cases.

But with Durga Puja, Dasara, Deepavali and Chhath Puja round the corner, there is concern about COVID-19 numbers spiking as people drop the use of all safety norms. On Oct. 6, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan had told the media that there has been a "huge spike in cases in Kerala for several days and a lot of it has to do with the Onam festivities."

Dr. Harsha Vardhan said large gatherings are already happening. A shopping rush has already started in Bengal and images from the city's key market areas show huge crowds where many people have even ditched the mask. Ahead of Diwali, a similar situation is likely to play out in Delhi and the rest of North India. "If we are careless in following Coronavirus safety norms while celebrating festivals, the COVID-19 situation in the country will again worsen, and can create massive problems for us," he warned.

"No religious leaders of any religion say that festivals should be celebrated by putting lives in danger... no Gods say you need to go to big pandals to pray. If you know there is fire outside and you still go out in the fire in the name of religion — what's the point of such festivals," the Health Minister said in a strong message.

Earlier on Sunday, the Government said the country has crossed a 'landmark milestone', as data showed 60 lakh recoveries from the novel Coronavirus. The 24-hour figures have also come down to an average of 72,000 to 74,000 from the earlier 90,000-plus figure.

With 74,383 new infections, India's COVID-19 tally stood at 70,53,806 on Sunday morning. Over the last 24 hours, India reported 918 deaths linked to the virus, taking the total number of fatalities to 1,08,334. For the third day in a row the active cases of COVID-19 remained below 9 lakh, the Government bulletin added.

INVITING CORONA?: ***A huge crowd was witnessed at a shopping centre in the heart of Mysuru city yesterday.***

Factories to customers direct sale continues

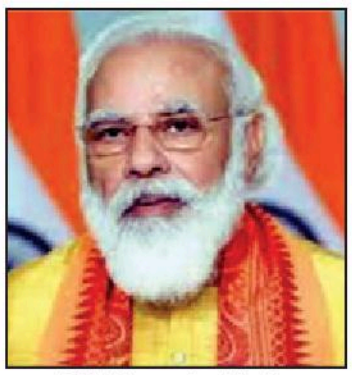
Mysuru, Oct. 12- To clear the stocks, the garment factories are offering huge discounts on all branded garments (ladies, gents and children) at the sale being held at *Hotel Pai Vista* in Mysuru city from 10 am to 9 pm.

The offer has now been extended by four more days from today.

Over 50,000 varieties of ladies, gents and kids branded clothes, including T-shirts, pants, low wears, bermudas, ladies tops, kurthis, pyjamas, western outfits, sarees, ladies undergarments, etc., are available for sale directly from the factories to customers at attractive discounts. No agents, wholesalers and commission agents are entertained.

As per Government's directive, wearing of masks, using sanitiser and maintaining social distance have been made mandatory for the shoppers. All necessary precautions are in place and customers need not worry to visit the venue, say the organisers.

SVAMITVA: Modi launches property card distribution scheme



PM Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Oct.12- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched the physical distribution of property cards under the Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) ownership scheme via video conferencing, and asserted that it is a "historic move" set to transform rural India.

The move, according to him, will pave the way for villagers to use property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has said the launch will enable around one lakh property holders to download their property cards through an SMS link sent on their mobile phones, and this would be followed by the physical distribution of property cards by respective State Governments. This is going to benefit 6.25 lakh villages across the country.

These beneficiaries are from 763 villages across six States, including 346 from Uttar Pradesh, 221 from Haryana, 100 from Maharashtra, 44 from Madhya Pradesh, 50 from Uttarakhand and two from Karnataka.

PM Modi also interacted with many beneficiaries of the SVAMITVA scheme.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 12)

- **Kanchipuram - A.G. Babu Sah Silk Cloth Merchant:** Dasara Deepavali Festival Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 7 pm.** [No entry for children and those above 60 years]
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**
- **Aramane School of Arts:** Solo painting exhibition of artist Shivakumara H. Doddaarashnakere, Sri S.R. Subbarao Park, Niveditanagar, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Garment Factories:** Stock clearance sale of branded clothes (ladies, gents and children) with huge discounts, Hotel Pai Vista, opp. Sub-urban Bus Stand, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Exhibition of Collage Artworks of late Prof. S. Srinivasa Kumar, an educationist and a collage artist, Gallery premises, 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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NEWS BRIEFS

VTU grants Research Centre at MyCEM

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has granted Research Centre to offer Ph.D/ M.Sc (Engg.) by Research for Mechanical and Civil Engineering Departments at Mysore College of Engineering and Management (MyCEM), Mysuru, according to a press release from MyCEM Principal Dr. G. Ravindranath.

Offline application

JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru, has invited application for admission to first year Diploma Government seats in Engineering and Non-Engineering branches. Minimum eligibility for applying is 35% in SSLC or its equivalent. Interested candidates may apply along with necessary documents before Oct. 15. For details, contact Chaitra on Mob: 74836-56475 or S.B. Subramanyam on 98458-09877.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in History to H.M. Sudha for her thesis 'Chamarajanagara Pradeshada Abhivruddhiyalli Mysuru Wadiyara Patra (1881-1947 AD)' [Guide: Dr. Sugitha Suvarna].

A. Dileep Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Evaluation of Novel Pyrazole Derivatives' [Guide: K. Ajay Kumar].

M.G. Prabhudeva has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Evaluation of Thiophene Appended Heterocycles'[Guide:K.AjayKumar].

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	8,741 cusecs
Outflow	8,483 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.02 ft
Inflow	1,725 cusecs
Outflow	1,475 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.44 ft
Inflow	767 cusecs
Outflow	1,550 cusecs

People saved Rs.500 crore by buying drugs from Jan Aushadhi Kendras

D.V. Sadananda Gowda

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (SSV)- Citizens of Karnataka have saved around Rs.500 crore this year by purchasing generic medicines from Pradhan Manthri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAK), according to Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers D.V. Sadananda Gowda.

He shared this information in a press release after reviewing working of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in city . The Minister said the Jan Aushadhi Kendras were opened across the country to supply medicines at nominal rates to people. These Kendras are gaining popularity day-by-day. Compared with last year, the sale of generic medicines has gone up by 73 per cent this year. The target for the year 2020-21 has been fixed at Rs.125 crore and

the sales had already crossed Rs. 65 crore . The Kendras have functioned exceptionally well even during COVID-19 pandemic.

"The cost of generic medicines at Jan Aushadhi Kendras is four to five times cheap when compared to price of medicines in private medical stores. The sale of generic medicines in Karnataka was around Rs.125 crore. People would have depended on private medical shops if the Government of India had not opened the Kendras. Cost of medicines may be less but it is nothing to do with quality. The quality of every medicine is manufactured in international level standard", Gowda said.

He said the first Jan Aushadhi Kendra in Karnataka was set up in Mysuru on Nov. 10, 2015. Now, there are 705 Kendras in the State and 100 new Kendras are added every year.

Plans are afoot to open the Kendras in all Taluk Hospitals and District Hospitals in district, taluk and hobli-level. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) which is implementing Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Karnataka Government to open 200 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State of which, MSIL has opened 85 Kendras and 33 by Red Cross Society and others.

Steps had been taken to open other Kendras soon.

The Minister said that 825 types of medicines and 122 types of surgical equipment are available in Jan Aushadhi Kendras and added that under the name of 'Suvidha,' sanitary pad is sold at Rs. One where as the branded pad is sold between Rs. 4 and Rs.10 in other shops. Officials had been asked to popularise 'Suvidha'. The efficiency of the Kendras must also improve so that benefit reaches the poor and needy.

Gowda also reviewed progress of Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited, a Government of India Enterprise, on products, sales, export, technical upgradation and finance.

Karnataka makes preparation for mass inoculation of COVID-19 vaccine

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (SSV)- Despite non-arrival of any suitable vaccine for COVID-19, that has wrecked havoc around the world, the Government of Karnataka is silently making preparations well in advance with a hope of researching a vaccine soon.

According to sources, the State Government is readying its system for immediate distribution of vaccine once it was approved by authorities concerned. Instructions have been given to Health Department officials to make preparation for *en masse* inoculation of the vaccine at all Primary Health Centres, Anganwadi and Community Health Centres in the State.

It had been decided to utilise those places for the mass vaccination of people. Besides, mobile units will also be used for this purpose. Idea behind this move was to ensure that there would be no delay in inoculating citizens once a vaccine was officially announced as the cure for COVID-19 virus.

Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that the Union Health Ministry has already prepared a detailed plan to receive 400-500 million doses of vaccine and distribute it once it was ready.

The vaccine is expected to reach 25 crore people by July 2021. The Government of India is preparing a digital dashboard to record details such as total number of vaccines under research, stages of its testing, beneficiaries, storage and training for those who will ensure reaching of vaccine in remote corners of the country.

Likewise, the State Government is preparing a list of those who should get the vaccination first, including Corona Warriors. "Our government is aimed at reaching out every citizen without loss of time," he said.

The Minister said that at least three viable vaccine candidates were in the clinical trial phase in the country. AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford's vaccine being produced in collaboration with Pune-based Serum Institute of India is in the third phase of trials while Zydus Cadila launched phase-2 trials for its vaccine on Aug. 6. Bharat Biotech began phase-2 trials from September. "Apart from indigenous attempts, the Centre is in talks with Russia," he said.

State poll body permits Corona positive patients to cast vote in by-polls

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (SSV)- The State Election Commission, has allowed Corona positive patients to exercise their franchise through postal ballot in by-elections to Sira Assembly seat in Tumakuru district and Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly Constituency to be held on Nov. 3.

According to information available, voters of over 80 years, physically challenged and those undergoing treatment for COVID-19, are permitted to opt for postal ballot. To avail this, they need to collect certificate from Health Department officials, fill up Form No. 12 D, submit it to the poll officials who will personally visit the applicants to certify whether they are eligible to cast vote through postal ballot.

On the day of polling, officials will distribute postal ballot papers to those voters and collect the same within the prescribed time.

The poll officials must ensure that voters wear face masks, sanitise their hands and maintain safe distance at all polling stations in the two Constituencies on the polling day.

Officers on poll duty must also wear masks and hand gloves inside the polling stations, the release said.

'Missing' RMP scientist 'found' in Vijayawada

Abhishek Reddy Gulla

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (RK&SSV)- Cops heaved a sigh of relief following tracing of the missing scientist, who was working at Rare Material Project (RMP), a unit of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), in Mysuru, Abhishek Reddy Gulla, at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday.

Abhishek had gone missing from Mysuru on Oct. 6 and this had caused concern for the Police. Subsequently, a special team was constituted to trace the missing scientist.

According to a senior Police officer, a person called Ilyal Lalasi, claimed to be a cousin of Gulla, called the Cop to say that 26-year-old scientist was with her family in Vijayawada and 'safe'. Later, she sent Abhishek's pictures to the Cops to confirm he was with them.

"We have dispatched a team to bring the scientist to the city. He is likely to be brought in here this evening or tomorrow. Reason for disappearing mysteriously from the city will be known only after his interrogation," officer told *SOM*.

He has been working in RMP in Mysuru for about a year now. He reportedly did not go to office for three weeks. Then he went missing from his house in new Janata Colony in Yelawal on Oct. 6.

BARC Officer T.K. Bose had filed a missing complaint at Yelawal Police Station stating that Abhishek had not reported to duty since Oct. 6. He had left his home on a scooter on Oct. 6 and missing since then.

Citizens, bear with 'potholes' till rains stop

Tarring only Hill Temple and Palace Roads in view of Dasara

Mysuru, Oct.12 (RK&SSV)- Mysureans, bear with potholes for some more time as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is asphalting only important roads around the Palace immediately in view of Dasara-2020 and also the Hill Temple Road. Other roads will be tarred only after the rains stop completely.

Rains in the last 15 days shaped out almost all roads in the city. This was not only causing problems for vehicle drivers but was causing accidents too. With hardly five days left for the inauguration of Dasara festival, the MCC authorities have decided to asphalt roads in the surrounding areas of Palace to make it presentable for the visiting public.

Hitherto, the MCC used to spend crores of rupees on asphalting of all important roads in the city and mainly 5-km stretch *Jumboo Savari* procession route from the Palace premises up to Bannimantap Grounds. However, this time, since the procession had been restricted within the Palace premises due to COVID-19 pandemic, the authorities were not expecting more people to flock the city.

A reality check revealed that almost all roads in areas like Agrahara, Ashokapuram, Bengaluru-Nilagiri Road, Ashoka Road, Kabir Road, Ring Road, Ashoka Circle, M.G.Road (from Agrahara Circle upto Mysore Race Club junction), JLB Road, Narayana Shastri Road, JP Nagar, Vidyaranyapuram were worn out due to rain. The condition of roads inside residential layouts was still worse with no sign of tar anywhere.

WHY THIS HAPPENED?

Every year, the State Government will release a couple of crores as special fund to the MCC with which the civic body takes up asphalting of roads, beautification of footpaths and other related works. The MCC had asked for at least Rs. 5 crore from the Government for road improvement. But, so far, not a single rupee had been released due to financial crunch owing to Coronavirus that had badly hit the State economy.

Besides, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has decided to celebrate this Dasara in a simple manner and so, he sees no requirement for spending crores on roads.

The Government did not want tourists to visit the city this year to prevent the outbreak of Corona pandemic.

The crater-like road near RTO Circle - M.G. Road Junction.

Another damaged road along the Kukkarahalli Lake near UoM Swimming Pool.

Dasara asphalting works in progress atop Chamundi Hill yesterday.

ASPHALTING AFTER DASARA

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde told *Star of Mysore* that they have decided to asphalt roads in the surrounding areas of the Palace and around 8-km stretch of road from the foothill to top of Chamundi Temple as the festival will be opened atop the Hill by the dignitaries including the CM. Rains have ravaged the city roads beyond recognition in some places and they will be asphalted only after rains stopped completely.

Raju, Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, told *Star of Msore* "the asphalting of Chamundi Hill road was stalled six months ago due to non-payment to contractor Y.S.Yoganna. In view of Dasara, he was convinced to complete the said work at the earliest. Once it is completed, marking of road and installing electricity poles will be done."

Home Minister instructs Cops to check vehicles for drugs on Highways

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (RK&KS)- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed the Police to check vehicles especially during nights for drugs and also to conduct raids after collecting relevant information.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that the Home Minister, who addressed all Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police (SPs), Additional SPs and DCPs of the State through video conference on Friday, has instructed the Police to invoke Goonda Act on drug peddlers, drug transporters, suppliers and on those storing narcotics.

The DCP further said that the Home Minister has instructed Economic Offences and Narcotics Police to conduct checking of vehicles on State and National Highways check-posts, especially during nights for drugs and initiate legal action immediately.

Instructing Police to conduct investigation without fear and stop any crime from taking place, the Home Minister has also ordered the Cops to stop any type of harassment on women and children and register cases immediately besides asking the Police to investigate pending cases immediately and submit the charge-sheet to the Court at the earliest.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP C.B. Ryshyanth and other Police officials, who participated in the video conference at City Police Commissioner's Office have given all information sought by the Home Minister, the DCP said.

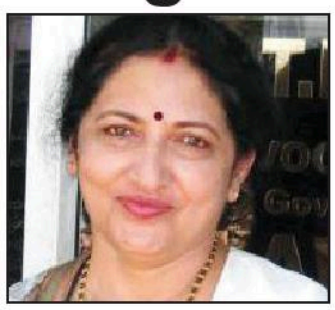
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 12

Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS: Visionary behind Kodava Heritage Centre –1

Rathi Vinay Jha



Veena Achaiah

Kaveri Ponnapa

Kodavas were hunters, agriculturists and warriors for centuries. All the Dewans of Kodagu Rajas were Kodavas and after independence Kodava community produced a Field Marshal (K.M. Cariappa), a General (K.S. Thimayya), over 12 Lieutenant Generals, many Fighter Pilots, Air Marshals and Naval Commodores. In the field of IAS and IPS, Sports and Science too, they have distinguished themselves. Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS, the visionary behind Kodava Heritage Centre, is one among them. Indeed Kodavas are an asset to our country. They should not be allowed to "vanish" from Kodagu.

Racially the ethnic groups in India have their own problems related to their personal life and security. Of their landed properties, personal freedom to practice their tradition and religion etc. Kodavas of Kodagu district, Karnataka, belong to one such ethnic groups, racially distinct from all other people.

Kodavas (Coorgs as English called them) are living in the hilly terrains nestled in the Western Ghats, a small identifiable geographical area. It has rain forests, mountain peaks and valleys, heavy rainfall, inhabited by wild animals and in the past the curse of epidemic Malaria. Obviously it is well-isolated and also insulated from the neighbouring places and people. As a result, Kodavas came to have their own unique culture and customs as also a language, dialect. They even had their own Gods in *Guru Karana* (ancestor worship). Naturally, their population is very small with no outsiders immigrating to Kodagu because of its hostile climate.

The Government of India should invoke the provisions of our Constitution and declare this Kodava community as being on the verge of extinction and **provide Constitutional protection** and guarantee for the preservation of their habitation known as Kodagu and their landed property considering Kodavas as an ethnic minority. Otherwise, in the next 50 or 100 years, Kodavas in Kodagu would be as rare as hen's teeth! You may see someone dressed in Kodava traditional attire in museums, like we see native Americans (Red Indians) in US museums.

After independence Kodavas have become a minority population in Kodagu with about 1,50,000 Kodavas as against the immigrants and the other natives who number over 4,00,000. As a result, **under our democratic system of Government,** now Kodavas are politically, economically and socially relegated to oblivion and have become "vanishing" people.

It is not surprising, therefore, a Kodavathi, Mrs. Kaveri Ponnapa, with a Master's Degree in Social Anthropology from London, chose to write a book, rather prophetically (let God forbid), titled, '***The Vanishing Kodavas.***' It is a book that provides a treasure of information about Kodavas and their future as an ethnic race. It is a book no Kodava, nor a Democratic Government can ignore. **Kodavas were hunters, agriculturists and warriors for centuries. All the Dewans of Kodagu Rajas were Kodavas and after independence Kodava community produced a Field Marshal (K.M. Cariappa), a General (K.S. Thimayya), over 12 Lieutenant Generals, many Fighter Pilots, Air Marshals and Naval Commodores. In the field of IAS and IPS, Sports and Science too, they have distinguished themselves. Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS, the visionary behind Kodava Heritage Centre, is one among them. Indeed Kodavas are an asset to our country. They should not be allowed to "vanish" from Kodagu.**

I am made to ruminate about Kodavas in a way that does not augur well for them, after reading a report in newspapers on 27.9.2020 about a statement made by our Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi (in reply to a question by Congress MLC Veena Achaiah) about the works on '**Kodava Heritage Centre**' at Vidyanagar near Madikeri, the District Headquarters of Kodagu District and former capital of Kodagu Kingdom and later C. State.

I first came to know of this proposed Centre in Madikeri sometime in the year 2004 while casually discussing with one of the promoters of the **Federation of Kodava Samajas (Federation)** located on the Kerala border at Balugodu, about 12 kms from Virajpet. The Federation was established in the year 2000-01 and even to this day is asking for money and more money from donors. But what do we have in return? For spending over Rs. 6 crore!? A shed-like Kalyana Mantap!

I gave the idea for the Federation to make it one Umbrella Organisation of all Kodava Samajas and an **apex body for Kodavas** to debate and discuss all their problems — political, property, cultural etc. — **and speak in one voice, as a spokesperson, for all Kodavas.** I gave the idea to an enterprising Kodava with many achievements. **But the Kodava Federation located on a fault-line, failed in its objectives and purpose without direction.** It has nothing to show except the annual jamboree.

As a result what we hear today on social media and at Kodava meetings is a cacophony of different, divisive voices. One group calls Kodavas as tribals and seeks that status under the Constitution; while the other group says no. One early immigrant group claims right over management of rituals in Bhagamandala and Talacauvery, asking Kodavas not to go to these temples wearing Kodava traditional dress. The controversy about inter-caste marriage is also continuing and it must be resolved.

The Jamma land tenure, which to some extent held at least some Kodavas bound to their land in Kodagu, thereby in a small way keeping Kodagu for Kodavas, was outright abolished leading to large-scale immigration of outsiders buying properties. **The issue was never discussed in depth in any Kodava body. As a result now we see Kodavas emigrating from Kodagu after selling landed properties (paddy field and coffee plantation) to non-Kodavas who pay higher price. A clear sign of Mrs. Kaveri Ponnapa's prognosis coming true!**

In this world as we see today, the **importance of possessing land by a racial group or the people of a particular religion can never be underestimated.** No wonder, in Christian Europe and America, Right-liberals and also White-supremacists are dominating the **political space** nudging immigrant groups.

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Dr. K. Sudhakar gets Health Portfolio too

• Sriramulu is Social Welfare Minister

Dr. Sudhakar

Sriramulu

Bengaluru, Oct.12- With the COVID-19 pandemic causing havoc in the State, Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa in a minor portfolio re-allocation exercise, allotted the Health and Family Welfare portfolio, held by B. Sriramulu, to Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar this morning. The CM's move is said to be aimed at streamlining the ongoing battle against the deadly contagion.

Sriramulu, who lost the Health portfolio, got Social Welfare portfolio held by Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol. As per portfolio re-allocation, Karjol will now have only PWD under his control. Meanwhile, Dr. Sudhakar, after getting charge of the Health portfolio in addition to Medical Education Department, met Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji at the Mutt premises in Vijayanagar, Benglauru, this morning and sought his blessings before leaving for Mysuru on an official programme.

Obituary

Nayub Pasha

Mysuru, Oct. 12- Nayub Pasha (42), Proprietor, Jai Bharath Saw Mill, Manandavadi Road, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, passed away this morning. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. Namaz-e-Janaza was offered today at Ooty Road Muslim Burial Ground followed by burial at the same burial ground.

K. Krishna Kumar

K. Krishna Kumar (76), a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday after a brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son-in-law. Last rites were held at Gokulam crematorium.

B.K. Mohan Bedre

B.K. Mohan Bedre (BSK Rao and Sons), a resident of Gokulam, passed away on Wednesday last. A Trustee of Bhavasara Kshatriya Social Institute, he leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Thursday.

CM Yediyurappa, Dr. Manjunath invited for Mysuru Dasara

Bengaluru, Oct. 12- Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar led a delegation of Mysuru District Administration to formally extend an invitation to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for *Nada Habba* Dasara here this morning.

The delegation also invited Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Cardiologist and Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, who will inaugurate Dasara-2020 atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17.

Accompanied by Mysuru Mayor Tasneem and MLAs, S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, the Minister felicitated the CM at his official residence 'Cauvery' and handed over the invitation. Deputy Chief Ministers, Govind Karjol and Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar were also invited.

Later, they called on Dr. Manjunath at the Institute and felicitated him too with a shawl, traditional 'Mysore Peta'.

Somashekar said, this was for the first time a doctor has been selected to inaugurate Dasara festival. It was indeed a noble gesture to all the Corona Warriors who are working round-the-clock to treat COVID-19 patients. Citizens must co-operate with the State Government by following the safety norms in the interest of everyone, he appealed.

MP Pratap Simha, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others were present.

Selfie-seekers ignore safety norms at illuminated spots

Youths taking selfies in front of a replica of Mysore Palace at Ramaswamy Circle.

Eiffel Tower at Hardinge Circle.

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (SBD&SSV)- Crowding of people at various illumination spots in the city has become a big headache for the authorities concerned in the wake of COVID-19.

With five days left for the inauguration of Dasara-2020, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials are completing illumination of various circles, main roads and busy traffic junctions with different themes.

When the illumination was done on a trial basis on Sunday, hundreds of people gathered at the illuminated spots to take selfies in mobile phones with their friends and families.

This had created traffic congestion in Central Business District (CBD) area for some time. Last week, Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar had strictly told City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta to ban parking in the heart of the city during ten-day Dasara to prevent spreading of pandemic.

Even a three-member Technical Team, headed by Dr. M.K. Sudarshan, had recommended to the State Government to station the Cops at the illuminated circles, junctions and main roads to check people from gathering and spread virus to others. The crowds were witnessed at Ramaswamy Circle, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Circle, Hardinge Circle (Jayachamaraja Circle) yesterday taking selfies. If this was the attitude of people before 'Nada Habba,' one can imagine how their attitude will be during the ten-day festivities, a CESC official noted.

The officer said, managing the crowd has become a biggest problem for them as people do not listen to them despite reminding them of spike in Corona positive cases in city. It will be hard to imagine in case the cases go up during Dasara.

The Police Department must discipline the crowd by not allowing them to gather in groups near the illuminated spots and also make them to wear face masks and maintain social distance.

"As Dasara will be celebrated in a simple manner this year, no sponsors have been approached. CESC, through 40 contractors, is illuminating the city for the festival," said CESC Superintending Engineer Munigopalaraju.

City Courts

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Advocates and litigant public are allowed inside after thermal scanning. Social distancing must be strictly followed inside the Court Halls. Entry is denied if RAT testing comes 'positive,' he added.

Continuing, Anand Kumar said health staff personnel in PPE kit are stationed at the building entrance to conduct RAT. Apart from advocates and litigant public, even the citizens can also undergo free RAT test and result is sent to mobile phones within no time.

Meanwhile, to ensure the safety of Judges, safety fibre shields are put on each table and the same has been done even for witness boxes. Safety norms as prescribed by the Government of India are full in place but citizens must co-operate by undergoing the RAT free of cost, he said.

Vidyagama

Teachers get three week holiday

Bengaluru, Oct. 12- Amid the campaign by several groups which wanted the Government to stop its much publicised 'Vidyagama' programme due to safety concerns as several teachers involved in the programme have lost their lives reportedly due to COVID-19, the State Government on Sunday announced a three week holiday for teachers of Primary and High Schools.

The declaration of holiday comes a day after the Government suspended 'Vidyagama,' an initiative aimed at taking education to the doorsteps of children during COVID times, following reports of teachers contracting the deadly COVID-19 virus during the course of the programme.

Considering the safety of teachers and children, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa ordered a three week holiday for Primary and High School teachers from Oct. 12 to 30.

With the lives of teachers put to risk as the job needed extensive travelling and public contact, Opposition Leaders such as H.D. Kumaraswamy and Siddharamaiah had urged the Government to stop 'Vidyagama' in the interests of both the students and the teachers.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Acting DDPI Udaykumar said that 5,670 teachers of Mysuru district were subjected to COVID tests and 186 of them tested positive. Subsequently, the infected teachers were treated at different hospitals of the city. But unfortunately five of them died after failing to respond to the treatment, he said and added that the statistics regarding COVID-19 tests and treatment for teachers have been sent to the Department Headquarters at Bengaluru.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Creating good flow

The art and science of creating prosperity and harmony, known as Feng Shui from the ancient oriental civilization and its equivalent from Indian civilization, known as Vastu, is not just a process of decoration but a tool to create an environment that has the best energy to support the specific activity, or activities intended for that space. From the ancient times, Traditional Feng Shui Masters have decoded the universal energies and evolved many simple yet powerful methods to harness the nature's energies to support the human aspirations.

Each of the occupants, place and thing is alive and connected together with the universal energy called 'Chi.' Everything is connected by this vital energy which is always changing. When we integrate the Vastu and Feng Shui principles into our lives, we see and interact with the world in a new powerful way. In both Vastu and Feng Shui, each area and corner of the house relates to some aspect and aspirations of you and your life. Any missing corner, cluttered area or dark area has an influence on the occupant's life with regard to the specific corner.

Creating a home harmonious to exude positivity and activate good relationship is something which these ancient sciences facilitates when implemented properly. The sector which represents growth, relationship, family support is the East as per Feng Shui compass direction analysis.

For example, if the living room needs the best balance of calm and active energy, a small water fountain surrounded by an arrangement of feathery and broad-leaved plants will create balanced energy or Chi. Hence, the approach of adding or taking off an element in a space can create the right balance and one can achieve this through different approaches.

Water has a powerful effect on career growth in Feng Shui. Its dual energy and serenity mirrors the very qualities necessary for a successful professional path. Vastu and Feng Shui emphasise on the benefits of moving water to activate good luck. Water features like aquariums and fountains can activate positive Chi and usher in prosperity, if placed in the living rooms and foyer East and North sectors.

Place small table fountain or an elegant piece of artwork depicting water in your home office or North sector of your home, but not in the bedroom.

In Feng Shui, North is a water sector, and metal produces water thereby strengthening the energy of the sector. Activating a water fountain in the lawns of the house or inside the living room would be an excellent energiser to strengthen career luck.

In the East, which governs the health sector, the health luck of the occupants of the home can be strengthened. You could place a water feature in the living room to strengthen the wood energy as East signifies wood element.

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Hostelling International Sustainable Fund-2020

YHAI Mysuru's Solar Energy Solution wins first prize

Venkat Narayanan, Natl. Chairman, YHAI

Ravikumar, Chairman, YHAI Mysuru unit

Mysuru, Oct. 12- Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI) has won top prize of Hostelling International (HI) Sustainable Fund-2020 for its Solar Energy Initiative at YHAI in Gokulam, Mysuru. HI is the brand name of Youth Hostel Associations having presence in 85 countries.

Aimed at 'Sustainable Tourism,' the Hostelling International Sustainability Fund (HISF) was initiated in 2013 to encourage participation of HI hostels across the network in contributing to reducing carbon footprint and advancing sustainable developments and initiatives.

HISF provides their guests with opportunity to offset their overnights and reduce carbon footprint of their stay.

Announcing this, Ravikumar, Chairman, YHAI Mysuru Unit, said: "This year 8 countries participated across the world and for the first time, YHAI participated in this campaign with its 40KW Solar Project of YHAI at Mysuru and won 1st prize of 4,253 pound (approximately Rs. 4.02 lakh). The 2nd and 3rd positions won by Spain and Brazil. YHAI is thankful to the voters for their support in making YHAI India win." YHAI, Mysuru, is the first among the four YHAI hostels in India to go fully solar for its internal energy needs.

With a motto to make a positive impact towards climate change by embracing eco-friendly energy solutions, Youth Hostel International, Mysuru, has set up a new 40KW rooftop solar plant at its Gokulam premises.

With this, it has not only taken steps towards fulfilment of Planet Green obligations but also strives to achieve sustained cost reduction for the organisation. Commissioned recently, this rooftop solar plant would help YHAI Mysuru to become fully self-reliant on power by way of captive power consumption.

With a long term plan to embark on green energy initiative across all branches in India to set an example of sustainable living using solar energy, YHAI started this project in Mysuru just before the lockdown. This 40KW Solar Power Plant will help YHAI save approximately Rs.55,000-60,000 per month in terms of electricity charges alone based on usage.

Venkat Narayanan, National Chairman of YHAI, says: "This project not only helps YHAI on significant cost reduction but also helps in reducing carbon footprint while opting for green energy alternatives."

Ravikumar expressed confidence that this project will help them demonstrate YHAI's commitment to make Mysuru as a clean and green city. "With lockdown getting relaxed, YHAI expects that more and more tourists from India and abroad will seek affordable accommodation in Mysuru. This low cost solar power option has helped YHAI to serve better as an NGO.

"With a mission to popularise solar energy solutions to domestic and commercial customers in Mysuru, we are proud to associate with YHAI in this green energy initiative," says Saju Pothen of SmartEco Power Systems Pvt. Ltd., a Mysuru-based solar energy solutions company, who designed and commissioned this project.

VVCE signs MoU with NHAI

Mysuru, Oct. 12- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, an autonomous institute under VTU, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on working together for the road infrastructure development by adopting a portion of National Highway.

As per the MoU, VVCE adopted a 62.5-km stretch of NH-212 from Mysuru to Kollegal as a voluntary initiative to carry out periodic investigation and give suitable suggestions for improving the efficiency of the existing Highway. This initiative provides opportunity for hands on experience and internship to students.

P. Manoj and S. Raghavendra, Assistant Professors, specialised in the field of transportation engineering from the Department of Civil Engineering, will work with NHAI for mutual benefits. During the MoU signing ceremony, B.T. Sridhara, General Manager (T) and Project Director, NHAI, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. S.K. Prasad, Professor & Head, Dr. H.S. Dayananda, Dean (Academics & Exams), Dr. P.K. Umesha, Professor, Dr. B.S. Shilpa, Associate Professor and faculty members of Dept. of Civil Engineering, were present.

Cauvery Theerthodbhava to be celebrated in a simple manner

Madikeri, Oct. 12- Virajpet BJP MLA K.G. Bopaiah said that the Cauvery Theerthodbhava at Talacauvery, the birth place of River Cauvery, will be celebrated in a simple manner on Oct. 17 in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

Presiding over the Theerthodbhava preparatory meeting at Bhagamandala on Saturday, Bopaiah said that, however, the Theerthodbhava will be performed with all traditional and customary rituals and pujas.

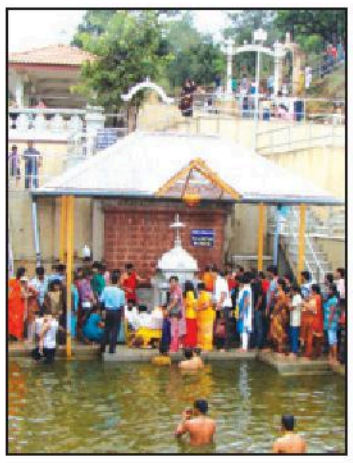
Appealing the public from other districts not to come to Talacauvery for the event in the wake of rampant spread of Coronavirus, he said that those attending the event will have to mandatorily produce a 'COVID Negative' report or otherwise they will not be allowed to take part.

Explaining the precautionary and safety measures that are taken, he said that **Theerthodbhava will occur at 7.03 am on Oct. 17,** when the morning cold will be chill, he appealed the public to take all precautionary and safety measures. He also advised that children and senior citizens should keep off the event as a safety measure.

Pointing out that bathing at Talacauvery water pond will not be allowed this time, he said that the KSRTC has been directed not to operate special buses for the event. He also asked private bus operators not to bring in more number of devotees to Talacauvery on Oct. 17.

Referring to reports that some outside people were coming to Talacauvery shrine for partying, Bopaiah said that Talacauvery is a holy shrine and hence, it should be maintained as such.

Virajpet BJP MLA K.G. Bopaiah addressing Theerthodbhava preparatory meeting at Bhagamandala on Saturday.



Pointing out that partying and such other activities have been strictly banned all around the shrine, the MLA said that everyone should understand that Bhagamandala and Talacauvery are not tourist spots, but are religious places having great sanctity.

He directed Dy.SP Dinesh Kumar to book those found partying at these spots and file charge-sheet against them. He also instructed the Police to deploy more personnel at the spot on public holidays for keeping a check on partying and entertainment activities.

Congress MLC Veena Achaiah said, it is important that everyone attending Oct.17 Theerthodbhava strictly follow COVID-19 norms. Suggesting that local people get preference for attending the event this time in the wake of COVID, she said that people from other districts and places can attend the month-long *Jatra* that will take place in the later days.

Bhagamandala-Talacauvery Temple Management Board President B.S. Thammaiah said that 'Teertha Snana' will not be allowed this time and only 'Teertha Prokshane' (sprinkling of holy water) will be there.

Noting that only a minimal number of priests will perform rituals around 'Theertha Kundike' by maintaining physical distancing among them, Thammaih said that a separate arrangement has been made for the devotees to collect holy water.

Clarifying that mass feeding *(Annadana)* will not be allowed, he said that 'Pinda Pradhana' will be allowed at Bhagamandala from 5 am on Oct. 17. He further said that transportation of holy water in vehicles has been banned this year and there will be no distribution of vehicle passes as well.

Dy.SP Dinesh Kumar, Madikeri Taluk Medical Officer Dr. Gopinath, Bhagamandala Temple's Balladka Appaji, Talacauvery Temple's Kodi Motaiah, Coffee Planters Co-operative Society President M.B. Devaiah, Tahsildar Mahesh and a host of other officials were present.

Govt. makes COVID-19 testing mandatory for individuals

Bengaluru, Oct. 12 (SSV)- Invoking Sec. 4 of "The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Ordinance-2020," the State Government has said all individuals who are identified for COVID-19 test by Government should get tested compulsorily so that spread of the virus can be contained and lives can be saved.

In a press release here, Dr. Om Prakash Patil, Director, Health and Family Welfare, has said timely testing of the persons who are suspected to be infected with Coronavirus is one of the fundamental principles to avoid the spread of virus and break the chain of transmission.

Effective and early testing helps in saving lives and bring down mortality rate. The State Government has specified the persons who need to be tested by way of circulars from time to time. It includes primary and secondary contacts of COVID positive patients, Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) patients, staff and healthcare workers engaged in COVID treatment, persons in Containment and Buffer Zones, or any person identified by the health staff to be at risk of the pandemic or suspected of COVID-19.

It has come to notice that certain individuals are refusing to get tested and thus hampering the efforts to stop the transmission of virus. Timely testing will not only help family members, co-workers of COVID positive patients, but also to reduce the casualty rate, Dr. Patil said.

COVID War Room set up in city: Calling volunteers

Mysuru, Oct. 12- In order to facilitate quick shifting of COVID infected people to hospitals, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has set up a COVID War Room at Town Hall in the heart of the city.

The MCC, in association with the District Administration and Health and Family Welfare Department, has already set up 22 COVID testing centres, from where those tested positive for the deadly virus, will be shifted to COVID Hospitals.

Officials from the MCC and the Health Department have been deputed at the centre, who will appropriately guide the infected persons. In order to keep the War Room at Town Hall in full preparedness at any point of time, the MCC has planned to utilise the services of volunteers, for which it has invited applications from interested persons.

For details and registration as volunteers, contact Ph: 0821-2418800 or 2418816 or 2440890 or 94498-41196 or 81057-39384, according to a press release from MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde.

Yogakshema Yatra: MLA takes out 'padayatra' in Srirampura

Mysuru, Oct. 12 (MTY&DM)- Continuing his week-long 'Yogakshema Yatra' for the fifth day on Friday, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas took out a 'padayatra' in MCC Wards 57, 59 and 64, coming under his Assembly segment.

Ramdas, who began the day by offering puja at Ganapati temple in Vivekanandanagar, listened to the grievances of the people in the three MCC Wards and directed the officials to clear overgrown bushes, weeds and plants and old trees along 4th main road of Srirampura.

The MLA assured Srirampura third stage residents of addressing drinking water issues of the locality. Continuing his Yatra, Ramdas instructed the officials to prepare a list of labourers living in Sharadadevinagar in order to get them ID cards of the Labour Department and also to provide them Ayushman Bharat-Aarogya Karnataka Health Card. After offering prayers at Shiva temple in Srirampura second stage, Ramdas inaugurated a pure drinking water facility at Aravindnagar.

Later addressing a gathering at Janani Janmabhoomi Community Hall, he explained the measures taken to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19 contagion in the constituency.

Highlighting the objective behind his Yatra, the MLA asked construction workers to come forward for getting ID Card and Health Card. Plans are also being worked out for providing employment for the jobless, he added.

KR BJP leaders M. Vadivelu, Girish, Nagarathna, Noor Fatima, former Corporator Jagadish and Mallikarjun leaders were present.

Kodagu DC directs officials to take up development works

Madikeri, Oct. 12- Taking serious note of the stalled development works around the old private bus stand at Madikeri, Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy directed the officials to expedite the works.

She was speaking at the progress review meeting of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) at Madikeri City Municipal Council Hall here on Wednesday.

Directing the officials to issue a new work order for completion of pending works which are lying in limbo for the past three years, the DC asked the concerned officials to build protective walls around the SP Office and Indira Canteen. The DC also directed for sheltering Virajpet's Aiyappa Hills displaced persons and to expedite all pending works being taken up under Nagarothana Scheme.

Noting that officials must bring to the notice of the higher authorities and the local Legislators on the changes that are required to be made in the execution of the works, she said that the Urban Planning Director should inspect the spots and submit a status report. Calling for co-ordination between all Departments, Offices and Engineers, the DC asked the officials to complete all development works within a set time-frame.

Kodagu Medical College faculty Dr. Mahesh came up with suggestions for more effective COVID-19 control measures in the district.

Madikeri CMC Commissioner S.V. Ramdas, Virajpet Town Panchayat Development Officer Sridhar, Kushalnagar Officer Sujay, Somwarpet Officer Nachappa, Engineers Nataraju, Nagaraju, Vanitha and Ajay and a host of officials were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Collogue

Pronunciation: kuh-LOHG.
Meaning: Dialect: intrigue, conspire; to talk privately: confer.
Origin: Collogue has been with us since the 17th century, but beyond that little is known about its origin. In his 1755 dictionary, Samuel Johnson defined collogue as "to wheedle, to flatter; to please with kind words." The "intrigue or conspire" meaning of collogue was also common in Johnson's day; the fact that Johnson missed it suggests that the meaning may have been used primarily in a dialect unfamiliar to him. Evidence of the "confer" sense of the word appears in the 19th century. Walter Scott used it in an 1811 letter, writing "We shall meet and collogue upon it." Today, the word is mostly used by the Irish.
Example: "And how long have you been so thick with Dunsey that you must collogue with him to embezzle my money?" —George Eliot

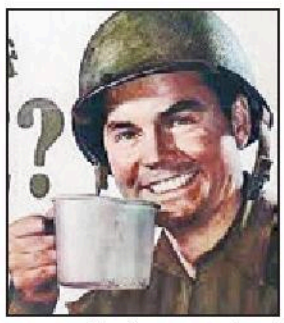
THE ODD WORD

Cacogenics

Study of racial degeneration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cup of Joe



Meaning: A nickname for a cup of coffee.
Origin: After waking up in the morning, millions of people choose to drink a hot (or cold) cup of coffee. Why, though, is this drink referred to as 'a cup of joe'? Indeed, how did coffee get this nickname?
Well, the origin of this phrase is uncertain. However, there are a few theories. One of them is as follows: Josephus Daniels, who was Secretary of the Navy, banned U.S. Navy ships from serving alcoholic beverages in the year 1914. This ban led to sailors consuming more coffee (among other drinks).
Since Josephus Daniels was responsible for the ban and thus perhaps being partly blamed for the growing intake of coffee, they (the sailors) nicknamed the drink after him, thus it became 'a cup of joe,' Joe being short for Josephus. This theory, however, is considered to be unlikely.
A more plausible sounding theory is mentioned at Snopes, where it's explained that the word 'joe' can simply mean 'an ordinary man.' For example, perhaps you've heard the term 'an average joe.' This term is used to describe someone who is thought of as being an everyday, ordinary kind of person. Thus, nicknaming coffee as 'a cup of joe' would indicate that it's a drink for the common man, or the average person.

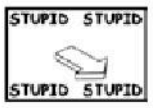
QUOTE BOX

Listen, if you want peace you must learn to drink cha from an empty cup.

—James Clavell

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Downright stupid.

SUDOKU

	1	7	6					
	2							
	9		2	8		5		
7				2		3		
9	3		4		6		7	8
		8		3				9
		6		7	2		1	
							3	
					1	9	8	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	9	1	3	4	6	2	5
6	5	2	7	8	9	3	1	4
4	3	1	2	6	5	9	7	8
8	4	5	3	1	2	7	6	9
9	7	3	8	5	6	1	4	2
2	1	6	4	9	7	8	5	3
3	2	8	5	7	1	4	9	6
5	9	7	6	4	3	2	8	1
1	6	4	9	2	8	5	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

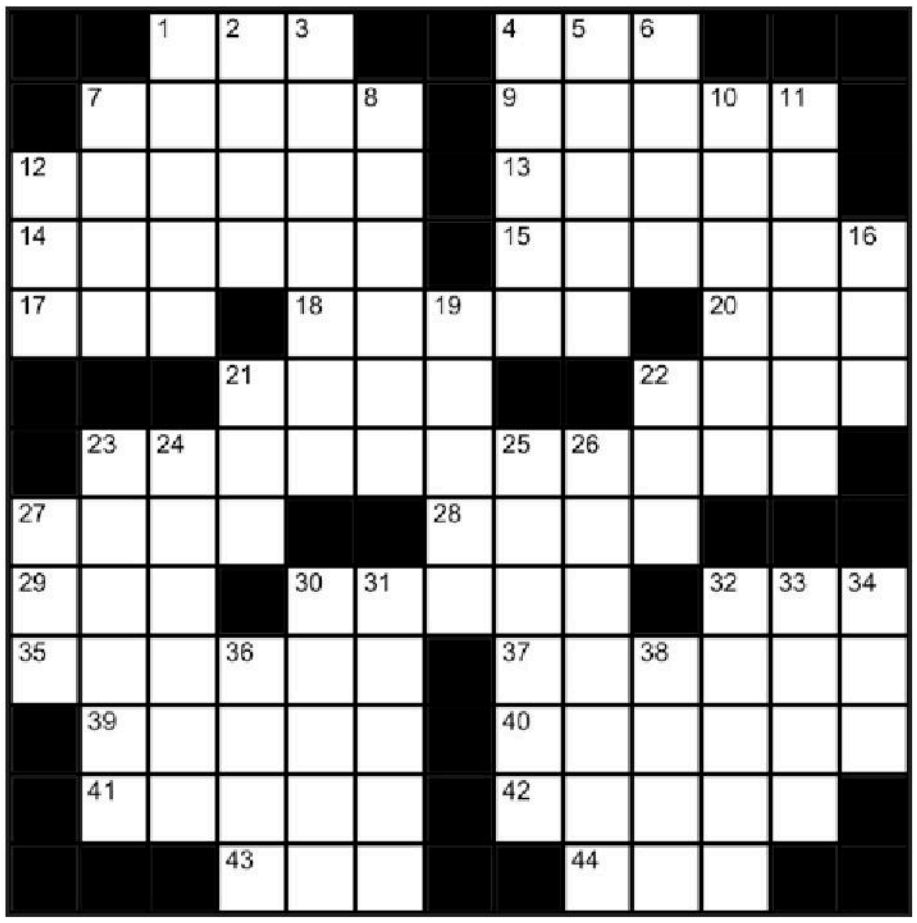
1 A state of essential equality or equivalence
4 Hesitant, disinclined or averse
7 Sovereign or king
9 Eliminating races
12 Bottle for water, wine or coffee?
13 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
14 2012 Oscar winning actress Meryl___
15 Noisy quarrel
17 Balaam's beast
18 Floating log structures
20 Iffy sched. letters
21 Golda of Israel
22 Is unwell or sick
23 Bequest
27 Exchange fee
28 Body of soldiers
29 African Natl. Cong.
30 Uncanny; inspiring fear
32 Lyric poem
35 Compares, correlates or equates
37 "As Anna" changes it is a fruit?
39 Large state - 28th state to be precise
40 Absorb or assimilate
41 Make ecstatically happy
42 Walk in a stiff pompous manner
43 Women? No, just the opposite
44 A shrill bark

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	A	■	V	E	R	B	■	C	O	N	S
L	I	E	■	O	R	E	O	■	A	N	T	E
O	A	R	■	G	A	T	M	■	N	E	H	A
B	A	Y	O	U	■	■	B	U	Y	■	■	■
■	■	■	F	E	T	A	■	M	O	A	N	■
F	L	O	T	S	A	M	■	A	N	V	I	L
E	E	R	■	■	B	I	D	■	■	I	N	T
Z	E	B	R	A	■	D	E	C	O	D	E	D
■	S	S	E	S	■	E	N	O	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	E	P	R	■	■	O	T	A	G	O
T	I	C	K	■	S	A	I	L	■	R	A	A
A	L	A	E	■	V	A	S	E	■	A	L	F
M	E	N	D	■	P	A	I	R	■	B	A	S

DOWN

1 Cat's sounds of pleasure
2 Wings or winglike parts
3 Football official
4 Pole of a spear
5 Those who inherit?
6 Hindu God of death
7 Deserters of a sinking ship
8 Mend
10 Manoeuvre; stratagem
11 Horse's quarters
12 R. E. Lee's side
16 European airline, in short
19 Member of a monastery
21 Electrical conductance unit
22 Some - no matter which
23 Put a match to
24 "Ni" is its chemical symbol
25 Groups of three?
26 Facility
27 East Indian shrub
30 Related on the mother's side
31 German industrial city
32 __ __ on : in a superior position to (3,2)
33 Dare, old style English
34 Superlative suffix
36 School test
38 Taj Mahal site



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AS DI KDGI AS HYGG GIYVFLI YOAIGGYJIOAGQ YV

AEI GKVA BLSMFRA SH RYUYGYXKAYSO.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's easier to resist at the beginning than at the end.

King of Clay claims his Crown

Nadal wins 13th French Open title, equals Federer's record of 20 Grand Slams

Rafael Nadal celebrates after winning the French Open yesterday.

Paris, Oct. 12- Rafael Nadal demolished Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 to win his 13th French Open and equal Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles on Sunday.

For world number one Djokovic, the defeat ended his hopes of an 18th Slam and of becoming the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four majors twice.

Nadal, 34, claimed his 100th match win at Roland Garros against just two defeats since his 2005 debut. The Spaniard, the oldest champion in Paris since Andres Gimeno in 1972, claimed the title without dropping a set. He finished one-sided affair with just 14 unforced errors to his opponent's 52.

"Congrats to Novak for another great tournament. Sorry for today. We've played plenty of times together — one day one wins, another the other," said Nadal.

"After all the things I have been through in my career with injuries, I could not have done it without my family."

Nadal said that he wasn't even thinking about matching Federer's record.

"It's been a very tough year. Winning here means everything to me so it's not about equalling Roger on 20, for me today it's just a Roland Garros victory.

"Roland Garros means everything to me. I spent most of the most important moments of my tennis career here.

Runner-up Novak Djokovic of Serbia alongside French Open winner Rafael Nadal of Spain with their trophies after the final.

"Just playing here is a true inspiration. The love story I have with this court and city is unbelievable."

The 56th meeting between the world's top two started under the roof of Court Philippe Chatrier, intensifying the echo of a crowd limited to 1,000 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

RR registers improbable win

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Today's Match (OCT. 12)

RCB Vs KKR
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 13)

SRH Vs CSK
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Results

SRH 158/4 (20 Overs)
lost to
RR 163/5 (19.5 Overs)

DC 162/4 (20 Overs)
lost to
MI 166/5 (19.4 Overs)

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Dubai, Oct. 12- Riyan Parag hit 42 not out off 26 and Rahul Tewatia made an unbeaten 45 off 28 to take Rajasthan Royals (RR) to a come-from-behind victory against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final over of the match at Dubai yesterday.

Chasing 159 to win, RR lost their star-studded top three of the returning Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler and skipper Steven Smith inside the first five overs.

Robin Uthappa and Sanju Samson were trapped by Rashid Khan to leave RR struggling at 78/5 in 12 overs. But an 85-run unbroken stand between Parag and Tewatia turned the game on its head and took RR to a win that looked improbable for the longest time.

Earlier, SRH won the toss and batted. Helped by Manish Pandey's 54 and David Warner's 48 they scored 158/4. Both teams bowled well for a majority of their respective innings but Tewatia and Parag kept their nerves to take the game deep and emerged triumphant in the final overs.

MI beat DC

Abu Dhabi: Mumbai Indians (MI) defeated Delhi Capitals (DC) by five wickets in the 27th match of IPL 2020 in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Rahul Tewatia and Riyan Parag's unbeaten 85-run stand powered Rajasthan Royals (RR) to a win against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).

Quinton de Kock and Suryakumar Yadav scored half-centuries, to help MI remain in contention at every stage after being handed a target of 163 runs. Ishan Kishan further chipped in with a fine cameo as the Mumbai-based franchise jumped to the top of the table. South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada was the highest wicket-taker for DC, picking two wickets.

Earlier, DC batsman Shikhar Dhawan played an unbeaten knock of 69 runs off 52 deliveries to help his side post a total of 162/4. Dhawan's innings comprised of six boundaries and a maximum, with the opener receiving quality support from skipper Shreyas Iyer. Iyer scored a 33-ball 42, hitting five boundaries.

The rest of the batsmen failed to make much of an impact. MI all-rounder Krunal Pandya was the pick of the bowlers, accounting for two wickets. New Zealand pacer Trent Boult also chipped in with one wicket.

BRIEF SCORES

RR: 163/5 (Rahul Tewatia 45*, Riyan Parag 42*; Rashid Khan 2/25) beat **SRH:** 158/4 (Manish Pandey 54, David Warner 48; Jofra Archer 1/25) by five wickets.

MI: 166/5 (Suryakumar Yadav 53, Quinton de Kock 53; Kagiso Rabada 2/28) beat **DC:** 162/4 (Shikhar Dhawan 69*, Shreyas Iyer 42; Krunal Pandya 2/26) by five wickets.

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